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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is responsive to communication filed on June 9, 2008.

Response to Amendment

2. Applicant's proposed amendment will not be entered by the Examiner because the new and amended claims include new issue which would require further search and/or consideration.

For instance, amended claim 1 now recites the limitation that the automatic mode switching device automatically switches between the first communication mode and the second communication mode in the first communication device "upon receipt of an order from the external device". This changes the scope of claim 1, and would thus require further search and consideration.

Claims 9-11 have not yet been examined, and thus constitute new issue which would require further search and/or consideration.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ALBERT H. CUTLER whose telephone number is (571)270-1460. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu (9:00-5:00).

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